

*CLAIM AMENDMENTS*

1. (Currently Amended) An electrical switch comprising a housing having an opening, a plurality of fixed contacts located in the housing, a switching member supported in the housing for movement, at least one moving contact movable by the switching member for movement to come into contact with and out of contact from the fixed contacts, and an actuator disposed in the opening for movement to actuate the switching member and in turn the moving contact, with a gap formed between the actuator and the ~~opening that surrounds the actuator~~ housing, wherein a resiliently deformable seal comprising a sleeve is connected across the gap and has an inner part that is resiliently deformable, and an outer part that is considerably thicker than the inner part and surrounds and protects the actuator-is connected across the opening and the actuator to seal off the gap, and opposite open ends connected to the housing and the actuator respectively, a first of the open ends being disposed around and surrounding the corresponding one of the housing and the actuator thereby sealing off the gap and avoiding entrance of foreign matter through the gap into the housing.

2. (Original) The electrical switch as claimed in claim 1, wherein the seal has an extended body length across the opening and the actuator to permit unobstructed movement of the actuator relative to the opening.

3. (Original) The electrical switch as claimed in claim 2, wherein the seal has a folded cross-section providing the extended length.

4. (Original) The electrical switch as claimed in claim 3, wherein the seal cross-section has a U-shaped bend pointing inwards.

5. (Original) The electrical switch as claimed in claim 3, wherein the seal has an intermediate portion between the opening and the actuator, the portion being folded and having a reduced thickness.

Claim 6 (Canceled).

7. (Currently Amended) The electrical switch as claimed in claim ~~6~~ 1, wherein the second open end is also disposed around the other of the ~~opening~~ housing and the actuator.

8. (Currently Amended) The electrical switch as claimed in claim ~~6~~ 1, wherein the first open end is stretched around a part of the housing forming the opening or a part of the actuator ~~to~~ around which the first open end is ~~connected~~ disposed.

9. (Currently Amended) The electrical switch as claimed in claim ~~6~~ 1, wherein the first open end and a part of the housing forming the opening or a part of the actuator ~~to~~ around which the first open end is ~~connected~~ disposed have complementary cross-sections mated together.

Claim 10 (Canceled).

11. (Previously Presented) The electrical switch as claimed in claim 1, wherein the outer part is substantially cylindrical and contains substantially wholly the inner part.

12. (Previously Presented) The electrical switch as claimed in claim 1, wherein the inner and outer parts together have a Z-folded cross-section.

13. (Currently Amended) The electrical switch as claimed in claim 1, ~~being~~ comprising a pushbutton switch.